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UTAH COMBINED TRAILS COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED

Salt Lake City - A meeting of the Utah Combined Trails Council (UCTC) is scheduled Tuesday, August 10 at 6 p.m. in the Parks Conference Room at the Department of Natural Resources located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City.

UCTC is composed of 19 individuals representing motorized and non-motorized trail users who make recommendations to Utah State Parks and Recreation regarding the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The RTP is a federal aid assistance program of the Federal Highway Administration, helping city, municipal, state and federal agencies develop and maintain recreational trails for both motorized and non-motorized use. For more information, please call State Trails Program Coordinator John Knudson at (801) 538-7344.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should call (801) 538-7220, giving at least three working days notice.

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT STARVATION STATE PARK

Duchesne – The Beach Campground and day-use area at Starvation State Park will close for renovation for the season beginning July 26. The boat ramp remains open, and access to camping and day-use is available at Mountain View Campground, Knight Hollow, Juniper Point, Indian Bay and Rabbit Gulch.

When the park reopens next season, it will offer campsites with water and power hookups, new restrooms, a new pavilion, and improved day-use area. This renovation project is a joint effort between the USDI Bureau of Reclamation and Utah State Parks and Recreation.

For more information, please call (435) 738-2326.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – Wear your life jacket. Although many boaters often stow life jackets on their boats, very few choose to wear them. Nearly 80 percent of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket.

“In the event of an accident, there is not enough time to grab a life jacket and put it on properly before you are in the water,” stated Utah State Parks Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller. “If faced with strong currents or unfavorable weather conditions, you will not only have trouble securing your life jacket, but will be unable to help passengers on your boat.”

Passengers 12 and younger must wear a properly-sized and US Coast Guard approved life jacket when the boat is in operation. However, it is a good, safe boating practice for everyone to always wear a life jacket.

For additional boating safety information go to stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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GOURD CRAFT WORKSHOP AT FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK MUSEUM

Cedar City –Frontier Homestead State Park Museum hosts a two-day gourd craft workshop August 14 and 21 at 9 a.m. Participants receive an introductory lecture regarding gourd history, learn the fundamentals of growing and drying gourds, and learn basic use of tools. Students select, design, and finish a gourd piece to take home, as well as an extra, unfinished gourd they can work on at home.

Workshop is limited to 15 participants and early registration is encouraged. The cost of this workshop is \$50 per person and covers all materials and supplies. The museum is located at 635 North Main in Cedar City. To register or for more information, please call (435) 586-9290.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

August 2 – September 30 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse

Art Exhibit: Enjoy the fine artwork of artists from the Palette Club of Ogden, which are on display at the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263

August 7 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Leapin' Lizards: Join us at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for a program on reptiles. Test your reptile knowledge, get inside the mind of a rattlesnake and view real snakes and lizards (not alive!). (435) 259-2614

August 7 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Junior Ranger Program - Fabulous Fossils: Explore Earth's ancient history as we learn about fossils and how they form. Make your own fossil and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the visitor center at 9:30 a.m. (435) 826-4466

August 8 - 9 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Geology Walk: Join us for a short hike to learn about the fascinating geology behind Dead Horse Point State Park. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. (435) 259-2614

August 10 Frontier Homestead State Park Museum – Cedar City
Children's Story Time: Join us for stories and crafts for preschoolers and their parents from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. (435) 586-9290

August 10 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Star Party: Join us for an evening star party complete with a constellation tour. Party is from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater. (435) 259-2614

August 11 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Stargazing with Telescopes: Join the Bryce Canyon astronomy volunteers for an evening of stargazing with telescopes. Take a tour of the galaxy and discover the universe! Program begins at 9 p.m. with a dazzling PowerPoint presentation, followed by viewing our famous dark skies. Meet at the Lake View Group Site. Please dress for cool evening weather. (435) 826-4466

August 11 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Human History of the Colorado River: Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for a ranger-led discussion about the explorers and river runners of the Colorado River. (435) 259-2614

August 12 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Nature Hike - Nature's Grocery Store: Join the park naturalist on a guided hike through the pinyon-juniper woodlands. Discover how people and wildlife have depended on this important plant community for survival. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. (435) 826-4466

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